

Senate Resolution 26

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Butterworth of the 50th, Grant of the 25th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dinah Paris on the occasion of her retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dinah Paris has given 34 years of dedicated service to the State of Georgia
4 through her work with the Department of Family and Children Services, retiring from her
5 position as Regional Director in February, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Paris earned an Associate of Arts degree from Truett-McConnell College,
7 a Bachelor of Social Work degree from North Georgia College, and a Master of Business
8 Administration degree from Brenau College; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Paris began her career as a Case Manager in the Fannin County office for
10 the Department of Family and Children Services and worked her way through the ranks of
11 the department to County Supervisor, State Program Consultant, State Unit Chief, Regional
12 Manager, and then to her current position as Regional Director; and

13 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Regional Director, the nine counties under her direction
14 have experienced improved program performance and have advanced staff development for
15 ensuring the protection of Georgia families; and

16 WHEREAS, during her time as Regional Director, she has been known for her passion,
17 dedication, and perseverance on behalf of the consumers, staff, and community stakeholders
18 of the Department of Family and Children Services; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Paris has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates
20 for her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and
21 diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
22 state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body
24 recognize Dinah Paris on the occasion of her retirement and commend her for her years of
25 service as a voice for families, children, and those who attend to them.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dinah Paris.